

For the past ten years, if not more, L. W. McGillivray has done a small general trade, at Gabarus, Nova Scotia. He has all along been reported more or less slow in paying, but of late matters have reached an acute stage, and several recent suits against him have been followed by his assignment. He owes about \$1,500.—C. D. DeFreitas, of Halifax, a painter

and paperhanger by trade, who added a new shop, etc., to his responsibilities, is reported insolvent.

Two small grocery failures are reported in Montreal, J. H. Bousquet and O. Payette are the parties involved. In the case of the first named, creditors to the amount of \$2,200 are likely to get paid in full.

THE Sherbrooke Library now contains no fewer than 4,363 volumes, 552 of which form the French section, 5,234 English and 683 French books were loaned during the year, showing an increase of 821 in the English and 72 in the French over last year.

THE Board of Control of the Joint Traffic Association decided on Saturday last to dissolve the organization. This action was taken because of a recent decision by the Supreme Court of the United States that the efforts of the association to control railroad rates were illegal.

AN assignment has been made by Sarah E. Robertson, confectioner, etc., at Woodstock. Four years ago her husband failed at Newmarket, then upon an insurance policy on the life of her husband she raised \$450, and invested it in the business.—It is thirteen years since Eugene Phelps started a grocery at Point Edward, and he did a good business for some years. After the Grand Trunk tunnel was opened he

lost some trade. In order to regain a portion of this he moved into Sarnia, but met with no better success, and now makes an assignment.

THE Provincial Live Stock Association shipped another load of pure-bred stock to the West recently. Mr. Hodson, the president of the association, states that more than \$100,000 worth of thoroughbred stock has been shipped from Ontario to the West this year, being more than twice the amount shipped in 1897.

THE returns of traffic for October, through the Sault Ste. Marie canal, between Lakes Superior and Huron, show a further falling off, 315 vessels passing through the Canadian lock, as against 404 in October last year. Up to November 1st, 3,363 vessels had passed through, a decrease of 510, and a decrease in vessel tonnage of one million tons, and of freight carried one million and three-quarters. The total freight was 2,657,585 tons.

L. DELOS UFFORD started a commission business in Toronto in September last. At that time he was unknown, but he evidently determined that he would not long remain so. In order to make a business-like start he became a subscriber to the mercantile agencies and placed \$1,000 to his credit in one of the city banks. Then he bought all the produce he possibly could on credit and then disappeared. At present his location is unknown. More than half a dozen business men are enquiring for him besides a number of farmers.

THE Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways announce, by circular November 4th, the withdrawal of present freight rates, and the establishment of higher rates. The Grand Trunk notifies shippers that on November 10th grain rates from west to east will be advanced $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 100 pounds. The new rate applies on all main line stations to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston. To other points proportionate advances will be made. The Canadian Pacific traffic department announces that all special rates, with a few exceptions, will be withdrawn on November 14th, and commencing November 15th, tariff rates will be charged. This is the new winter tariff. One exception is the special rates from stations on the Western and Pacific divisions, which will not be cancelled till December 4th.

COUNTRY failures in Quebec Province continue few. Adolphe Gagnon, a native of Les Escoumains, returned to his native village some fifteen years ago from the United States, where he had gone to seek employment, and embarked in store-keeping with some little savings. He apparently did fairly for a time, but his assignment is now reported.—At Actonvale, in the Eastern Townships, L. D. Gauthier, a maker of spring beds and dealer in furniture, and Nazaire Prefontaine, butcher and trader of St. Bruno, have assigned to the Court.—Metivier & Boivin, general merchants, St. Damien, are offering 55 cents on the dollar.—Clement Fréchette, of L'Assomption, manufacturing shoes under the style of Fréchette &

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